GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1726
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SALE OF HMT
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HMT Limited has invited bids for the sale of its four units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the profit earned/loss incurred by these four units of the HMT Limited during each of the last three years; and

(d) the reasons for which HMT Limited has taken a decision to sell its units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a & b): HMT has invited expression of interest from prospective bidders with a view to disinvesting up to 74%, in its four subsidiaries viz, HMT Machine Tools Ltd, HMT Watches Ltd. HMT Chinar Watches Ltd. And HMT Bearings Ltd.

(c): The profit earned/loss incurred by the above subsidiaries for the last three years are as follows:

Rs. Cr.

	2000-01 @	2001-02
HMT Machine Tools Ltd	- 96.17	-76.13
HMT Watches Ltd	-59.18	-109.05
HMT Chinar Watches Ltd	-7.95	-9.70
HMT Bearings Ltd	2.21	1.17

@ Provisional subject to audit

Rs. Cr.

	1999-2000
Machine Tools Business Group+	-88.76
Watch Business Group+	-168.89
Watch Factory Srinagar+	-35.74
HMT Bearings Ltd.	3.50

\+ before formation of separate subsidiaries.

(d) Disinvestment exercise has been initiated inter-alia as a part of the overall policy of the Government regarding PSU disinvestments. This is further aimed at bringing in the necessary inputs which would help in improving the viability of the units.